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PARALLEL CORRELATOR ARCHITECTURE

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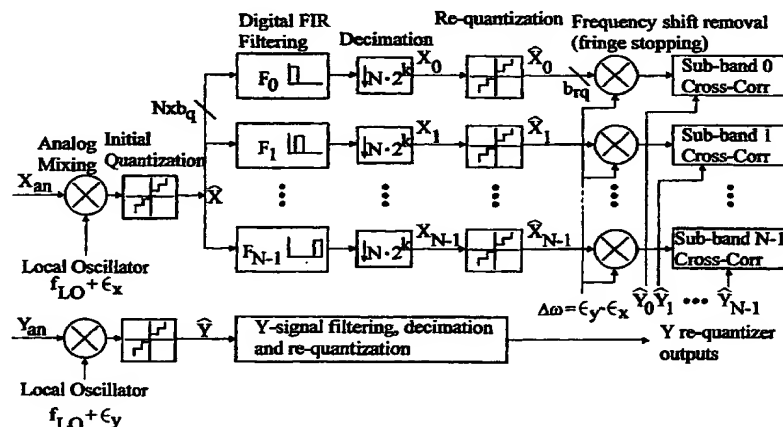
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(54) Title: PARALLEL CORRELATOR ARCHTITTECTURE



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to real time spectral analysis of wide-band sampled signals, in particular to a method and system for real time digital spectral analysis of wide-band sampled signals using parallel processing techniques. The center frequency of each received wide-band signal is shifted by a small fraction ϵ of its bandwidth. After sampling and digitizing, the wide-band signals are de-multiplexed into N parallel sample streams for parallel processing. The sample streams are digitally FIR filtered and sub-band signals are determined by decimating the sample streams by a factor of $2^k N$; $k = 0, 1, \dots$, wherein only every $2^k N^{th}$; $k = 0, 1, \dots$ sample is retained and the others are discarded. These sub-band signals may then be processed using various methods of spectral analysis such as cross-correlation, auto-correlation or phased array applications. Any finite-length FIR filter has a finite transition band. After decimation, the transition band outside sub-band boundaries will suffer aliasing, which causes signals to falsely appear as aliased signals within the sub-band. Shifting all spectral features in the wide-band spectrum with a frequency shift ϵ prevents false correlation of the aliased signals.



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